Gotco for setting up of a 6 MMTPA refinery in Orissa in the private sector.

Insurance cover for L.P.G. consumers

341. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a scheme to provide insurance cover to all the families using L.P.G. on a "no fault" Liability basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of LPG through pipeline

342. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some production companies in Bombay are intending to supply LPG to consumers in the Metropolitan through pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme and the areas likely to be covered thereby; and

(c) whether Govt. also propose to extend this scheme to other cities and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no proposal to supply LPG through pipelines to any metropolitan town.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Plans to reduce imports of oil and Petroleum Products

343. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil import bill for the current financial year is likely to be of the order of 5.8 billion dollars;

(b) whether Government have any plans to reduce imports of oil and petroleum products by increasing indigenous production of crude oil; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI. B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The oil import bill would depend upon the prices prevailing in the international market and also the quantities of the crude and products to be imported.

(b) and (c) Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity by taking up expansion of existing refineries and by setting up of new grass root refineries. Besides taking up a number of oil field development projects, Government have also permitted private investment in oil and gas field development programme to increase the indigenous production of crude oil.

Reducing Consumption of Petrol and Petroleum Products

344. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for reducing the consumption of petrol and petroleum products so as to save foreign exchange involved in their imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The